MOORE ASSERTS VIRGINIA **MUST IMPROVE SCHOOLS**

Comes Out Strongly for Re-vival of Learning.

STRESSES RURAL EDUCATION

Before Educational Association.

sixteen years has seen organizing ment is aroused to the fullest extent. Siven. The annual Federal revenue

terrogation of standards and theories well. There has been liberal prog-that had been accepted were sup-posed to be fixed. But some of our the support of our school system. unassailed. One of them is that sources for educational work was democratic institutions are the best, about \$4,500,000, whereas in 1919 it and another is that they depend for was a little over \$9,000,000. Under

Urges Aid in Country.

"Particularly in the rural communities is there a most argent need of better school conditions. Without this, one great means is omitted of making country life more attractive and profitable and thus holding men and women to the soil and insuring an adequate production of the necessaries of life. There is a rapid and steady drift from the country to the cities which may well excite apprehension and which can not go on indefinitely without fatal results. This growing movement is revealed by the newspapers as saying that there is needed now not less than one-half of the population of the United States lived in cities and that the results are incommendately.

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the three cities of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, During the last decade forty-five of the 100 hundred counties of Virginia have lost population, and fifty-two have decreased in the number of farm operams. Seventy-five counties have lost their population. The right sort of education, good highways and the support of agricultural industry in every manner that is possible, will combat the influences that are continually drawing the people away from the country and from those occupations that are basic to our na-

is highly important to enlarge press the plan of the Educational atform this evening and many for arousing a greater interest perative need of making the schools I interests thests upon each to community and upon all of the duals in that community. The individual should not drug himself with the idea that the community acting as such can do everything, and that there is no duty resting upon him of exerting himself individually. Nor can any community be inactive with the expectation that a few individuals will do everything. It is only by combined individual effort and community effort, carried to the maximum, that maximum results can be accomplished. This is the kind of ne accomplished. This is the kind of practical idealism that will render certain the steady and satisfactory building up of our school system. We know it will never be perfect, but we can't help knowing that the performance of the duty that rests upon all of us individually will make it constitutive less imperfect. This is a may of drives and pledges.

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"A step forward in the educational line might be taken could at least a few carnest men and women in each school area be committed to a pledge to visit the school now and then dur-ing the session. Very few of us now do this. Thus first-hand information could be acquired as to the character of the schoolhouse and its equipment; the sanitary condition of the schoolhouse and its surroundings the methods of teaching, as to whether hooks—school libraries—are being accumulated, and so on.

Appears for the Alling.
"It is hard to believe that when
the health of the people is conceded
to be of fundamental importance, the
health of the school children is not
going to receive hereafter more protection. Among the individuals who Appeals for the Alling. might agree in a given area to take that interest in the school, which would e manifested by getting closer to it in the way suggested, are the ministers of the churches. Perhaps in many localities they are already active. Certainly there is every reason why the minister and the reason. son why the minister and the church organization should be particular. interested in public education and express their interest by concern ing themselves about the local school

The founder of Christianity stressed every civic problem of that time There is hardly a parable that does not refer to some such problem. He glorified the spirit of human brother-hood, and that spirit belongs to the work of education.

The Educational Association organizing and fostering community leagues on the theory now univer-sally approved that the school is to sally approved that the school is to be interpreted as a community in stitution; that the community is vitally in rested in its school, and that the chool is vitally interested

tain to the neighborhood life.

Country Communities Are in Special Need of Better Facilities for culation of books by libraries that Improvement, Speaker Declares are equipped for that service. One of the great forces in supporting community work is the local press. One not living in the country hardly Congressman R. Walton Moore, of local newspaper, and, fortunately, the local newspapers of Virginia repre-

everywhere, and everywhere an in- by that war, we have done fairly released for civic uses by the cessaconceptions are left comparatively in 1909 the expenditure from all their permanence and vigor upon an intelligent and educated democracy. This is our ideal, ad we must more will be future additions as taxable completely realize it by advancing completely realize it by advancing that the people of the State are soon going to be able to provide any-

enacted. Many believe that the ini- to do with the Federal government tial step will be the creation of a assisting the States in their educa-secretary of education as a member tional processes. The old doctrine of the President's Cabinet and an appropriation of not less than \$190,000,- government should not unconstituupon some reasonable basis. One of the dectrine advocated by those who the pending bills that awaits early favor educational aid declares the consideration provides for those two right of the States to be assisted in

the Eighth Virginia District, in an address at the Co-Operative Education Association, in the John Marshall High School here, declared that there was a most green need to be a summed that there was a most green need to be a summed that there was a most urgent need cause of education in this Common largely by resorting to subjects of in highway construction does not for better school conditions in the wealth if individuals and communities taxation over which the States have rural districts. He told the members will give themselves to the cause, no jurisdiction or to which the States trol, so Federal assistance in eduwhich they must really have at heart, are in large measure precluded from "But even though popular senti- resorting for the reason already that independence and discretion in community leagues in Virginia, that more funds were vital to the extension of the work of properly preparing the rising generation for citizenship. His address follows:

The war has produced a very discovered to the Civil War and were created to the Civil War and were created any amount annual prederal revenue is now over \$1.00,000,000 on Saving in a good many directions, where economics are possible would release for more than \$100,000,000 of this for educational assistance to the States Furthermore, many of us dream of the time when a substantial part of any amount annual prederal revenue. "Because the nations are not

and Conquers Piles

it is not always so easy stitutional barrier to this, and the munity league to function justice and expediency of it are found minish the expedience or partner conducting their educational affairs which, under our theory of government it is not always so easy stitutional barrier to this, and the ship or association that would dishibly under our theory of government it is not always so easy stitutional barrier to this, and the ship or association that would dishibly under our theory of government in the same of the ship of the sh in a methodical manner. But where the school-house or some other building is suitable for that purpose, the league should endeavor to hold its tent than in former days, and that for our navy and army in addition minish the expenditure of money for thus the States themselves are sharp-to what must be expended to take by limited in the exercise of their care of war liabilities already inthe many other questions which pertain to the neighborhood life.

Favors School Libraries.

The community should do what is 60 to be divided among the States tionally interfere with the States a fundamentally essential enterprise

cational work will leave to the States

ever be seriously contested.

"The educators of the State now meeting in Richmond have no rea-son for discouragement. In view son for discouragement. In view of what has been already achieved. they should look to the future with confidence. Optimism is one of the weapons of success. A resolutely hopeful attitude means that failure is impossible. Much has been ac complished. Just as surely much more will be accomplished."

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR **EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS**

Says Commissioner Clarton.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 .- Dates for the remainder of the twelve regional conferences on education arranged by the bureau of education, the fifst of which was held at Chicago Novembe 29, were announced today by the bu-

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REPEAL WARTIME LAWS AT OUTSET OF SESSION

mmigration Legislation First on Program to Confront Congress Monday. It is Announced.

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Repeal of var-time laws and enactment of im-

session which begins Monday, it became known today after a meeting of the House Stoaring Committee. which a legislative program was dis-

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